

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:365
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2001
CENTRAL PLAN ASSISTANCE TO STATES
GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government are contemplating to increase the Central Plan Assistance and refix the ratio of loan and grant-in-aid;
- (b) whether the Central Plan Assistance provided for State Plan loses its character of assistance due to excess burden of loan amount;
- (c) the amount of plan assistance and loan received by the Rajasthan Government during the last three years; and
- (d) the amount of loan repaid by the State during the last three years till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.365 FOR ANSWER ON 17TH AUGUST, 2001 REGARDING 'CENTRAL PLAN ASSISTANCE TO STATES'.

(a) : The Gross Budgetary Support for States' and UTs' Plans has been enhanced from Rs.36,824 crores in 2000-01(BE) to Rs.40,644 crores in 2001-02 (BE). The ratio of loan to grants-in-aid continues to be 90% grant - 10% loan for Special Category States and 30% grant - 70% loan for other States.

(b): No, Sir. Plan Assistance is meant primarily for investment in capital formation, on which returns can be expected.

(c) & (d): Details are tabulated below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Central Assistance	Loans repaid
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Loan	Grant	Total
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1998-1999	806.96	362.80	1169.76	120.16
1999-2000	805.77	345.66	1151.43	150.92
2000-2001	706.94	482.95	1189.89	183.61